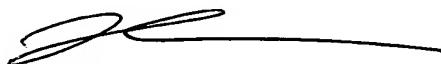


Remarks

In response to the final Office Action mailed July 11, 2005, the Applicants respectfully submit that each rejection has been traversed in light of the amendments above. Each of the amendments is directed towards subject matter indicated by the Examiner to be patentable over the cited references. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that claims 3-9, 12, 15-17, 19 and 20 would be patentable over the cited reference if re-written to in independent form.

The foregoing amendments corresponding with amending the noted claims to include all the limitations of the base claim any intervening claims, thereby, placing them into independent form. These amendments are made without prejudice and only to facilitate expediting the application to issuance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments and pass this case to issue. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it would further prosecution of this case to issue.

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